

## WASHINGTON.

**The Status of No-Man's Land—Dissatisfied Settlers—No Remedy.**

**The Inter-State Commission Waking Up Express Companies—Swamp Land Patents.**

**The Emperor of Germany Sends Money and Valuables to Brave Men in Virginia.**

WASHINGTON, July 20.—A petition signed by ten residents of Mineral City, which is on the neutral strip known as No-Man's Land, lying south of Kansas, has been received deprecating the President's failure to sign the bill passed by both Houses of Congress at the last session annexing No-Man's Land to the State of Kansas. The petitioners represent that for years past that country has been monopolized by large and influential cattle companies, many of them foreign corporations, which have fenced off for their own purposes thousands of acres of valuable land, and whose every aim is to keep out honest and hard-working farmers. The petition states that from twenty to thirty families are daily entering the strip and locating, building homes and breaking ground for crops. Railroads are making surveys and some of them are about commencing to grade; towns are springing up, and people spending their money in building, and yet they can not get a title to the ground they are building upon; while business is impeded because trade is unprotected. The petitioners ask that their statements be investigated and such action taken as will best protect them in their rights.

In reply to a letter from a cattle owner on the tract known as No-Man's Land, asking whether a portion of the borders occupying that land can form an organization and adopt a herd law to govern the free range men, Land Commissioner Sparks states that no person, organization or association has any right or color of authority to make herd or other regulations in respect to the occupation of lands in the public land strip. "These are public lands of the United States," he continues, "and never have been made subject to the lawful occupation or entry under any of the public land laws and I have heretofore recommended the employment of the military forces to remove occupants therefrom who are not actual settlers, or who are using or controlling more than one hundred and sixty acres."

**WAKING UP EXPRESS COMPANIES.**  
WASHINGTON, July 20.—But three of the express companies doing business in this country have as yet filed their schedules of rates with the Inter-State Commission. To the others the following letter was sent today by Secretary Messley: "The Commission has observed your failure to comply with the requirements of section 6 of the act of Congress approved February 4, 1887, entitled 'An act to regulate commerce.' In view of the time which has elapsed since the law went into effect, it is obvious that this failure on your part is intended and not merely inadvertent. The reasons for the course taken by your company have not as yet been laid before the Commission, and it has not as yet entertained a consideration of the question whether or not express companies are common carriers subject to the provisions of said act, further than to say on April 4, 1887, in answer to an inquiry by the Canadian Express Company, that until a hearing upon the subject is asked for, it will assume that the law does apply to such companies. The Commission is now ready to act definitely on this subject. Your company is, therefore, notified and requested to comply with the provisions of said section forthwith. Should you desire to be heard upon the matter, the Commission, before final action, will entertain the consideration of a written or printed argument if filed within thirty days, provided you give us notice at once of your intention to do so."

**SWAMP LANDS.**  
WASHINGTON, July 20.—The Secretary of the Interior has directed Land Commissioner Sparks to issue patents to the State of Minnesota for certain swamp and overflowed lands in the Duluth, Minn., land district, which the latter has suspended because of the "allegations of gross errors and frauds." The Secretary states that no evidence supporting these charges have been furnished except as to townships 61 and 62. The surveyor of these townships certifies that he does not believe that his field notes were ever turned over to the Surveyor General, but that false and fraudulent ones were turned over instead. The surveyor further states that the land represented as swamp is the only valuable land in these townships. The Secretary is of the opinion that this evidence is sufficient to warrant an investigation which he directs to be made at once pending the issue of patents to the lands in those townships.

**REWARD FOR BRAVERY.**  
WASHINGTON, July 20.—The Secretary of State has received through the German Minister at Washington from the Emperor of Germany a check for \$1,000 and two handsome gold watches embellished with the likeness and monogram of the Emperor with a request that the money be divided equally among the families of the five members of the life saving crew at Damneck Mills station, Va., who lost their lives in attempting to rescue the crew of the German ship Elizabeth, January 8, and that the watches be presented to Frank Tedford and Joseph E. Etheridge, the only survivors of the crew. The money and watches have been turned over to General Superintendent Kimball for distribution.

**Mrs. Langtry.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—Justice Field, of the United States Supreme Court, yesterday decided that Mrs. Langtry would have to return to this city and appear in court in person if she desired to perfect her citizenship. Her former declaration was at her residence and Justice Field thought there was no occasion for the removal of the books from court and that there was a question of legality of procedure.

**Liquor Dealers Done Up.**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 20.—Messrs. B. A. Feineman & Co., wholesale liquor dealers, 224 and 236 West Fifth street, closed their establishment yesterday and posted a notice on the door which stated that the firm had sold out to the National Bank of Kansas City, E. L. Hess and the Kansas City Distilling Company, who would take immediate charge of the property and conduct the business. Liabilities, \$17,000.

**Lost in the Alps.**  
GENEVA, July 20.—There have been severe snowstorms in the Swiss Alps. Six tourists, including three sons of the director of Zurich College, have been lost on the Jungfrau. Several parties were sent out to endeavor to rescue them, but their efforts were not successful. The missing tourists were all Swiss. They were endeavoring to make the ascent of the Jungfrau without guides.

## OHIO DEMOCRATS.

**A Platform Adopted and a Ticket Nominated—Headed by Thomas E. Powell.**  
CLEVELAND, O., July 20.—The Democratic State convention was called to order at eleven o'clock yesterday morning at Music Hall by Henry Bone, of Marietta, chairman of the State Executive Committee. The platform adopted is as follows:

The Democratic party of Ohio, in convention assembled, protesting its hearty and unequalled interest in the honest, patriotic and economical administration of President Cleveland. We demand such a judicious reduction of the present burdensome tariff as shall result in producing revenue sufficient only to meet the expenses of an economical administration of the Government, the payment of liberal pensions to Union soldiers and sailors, and payment of interest and principal of the public debt, and if necessary we favor such reduction of internal revenue, except on liquors, as will prevent the accumulation of a surplus in the National Treasury, and we denounce any attempt to abolish the tax on liquors for the purpose of keeping up the present unjust, unequal and onerous tariff system.

We call attention to and affirm as sound, the doctrine and policy following the emphatic and patriotic language of President Cleveland: "Our public domain is our national wealth, an earnest of our growth and the heritage of our people. It should promise limitless development and riches, relief to crowding population and homes to the landless. These inestimable advantages should be jealously guarded and a careful and enlightened policy on the part of the Government should secure them to the people." We demand that all the lands of the Government be held for actual settlers, who are citizens of the United States, and for those who declare their intention to become such. We are in hearty sympathy with all peoples struggling to free themselves from the evils of despotism, and especially does the long and gallant struggle of Ireland for the priceless boon of home rule and rights of manhood evoke our warmest applause and command our heartiest good wishes for speedy success.

Labor being the chief factor and great conservator of free and liberal institutions, should enjoy its full share of the common benefits derived therefrom; therefore, we favor such restrictions of centralization and encroachments of corporate power as to bring the best possible protection to honest labor, and at the same time conserve the interests of honestly employed capital.

We favor such legislation on the question of immigration as will prevent the landing, for permanent residence, of aliens who are not willing to declare their intention of becoming citizens of the United States.

We declare our opposition to the importation of contract labor, and we demand the speedy punishment of all persons inciting riot and revolution against republican institutions.

We demand the fullest safeguards for the ballot box and the punishment of all who seek to corrupt it.

We declare in favor of the proper regulation of the liquor traffic and believe it to be the duty of all good citizens to aid in reducing to the minimum the evils resulting therefrom, and to this end favor the submission of an amendment to the constitution providing for the license of the traffic.

The convention nominated Thomas E. Powell, of Delaware County, for Governor. Lieutenant Governor, D. C. Coolman, of Portage; for Judge of the Supreme Court, long term, L. R. Litchfield, of Holmes, and for Judge, short term, Virgil P. Kline, of Cleveland; Auditor of State, Joseph G. Gray, of Tiffin; Treasurer, George W. Harper, of Attorney General, William S. Leet; Member of Board of Public Works, Peter S. Murphy.

The Richmond, Indiana item, in speaking of the Hagerstown gas well says: "The excitement at Hagerstown over the strike of natural gas is several degrees above fever heat. The fact is they have a well there which is an average one; it is better than any at Portland or Winchester. The depth is nine hundred and ten feet, and the flow from a two-inch pipe produces a blaze fifteen to twenty feet high. On Friday night after the gas was struck, the excitement ran high, and a great crowd from town and country collected. Speeches were made, and there was a general jubilee. Again, Saturday, the well was visited by eleven hundred people, and a proposition was made to bore another hole in the ground for gas. Nine hundred and fifty dollars were subscribed in a few minutes, and subscriptions are being taken to-day (Monday), and doubtless before night the required sum will be had and a contract made for another well. The contractor says the formation through which he went is practically the same as that at Anderson, and that every indication points to a fine gas field."

An exchange tells the following: A thin, delicate-looking woman sat in a Broadway (New York) horse-car one evening last week, and next to her sat a native of the queen's realm. The window behind the Britisher was open and the cool wind blew upon the poor woman, making her shiver. At last she said in a lady-like manner: "Won't you be kind enough to close the window behind you, as it makes me very cold?" It would hardly have caused the man any inconvenience to grant the request, but he replied harshly: "I prefer it open. You Americans can't stand anything; you all seem to have the consumption." The other passengers in the car were astonished at this incivility, and there were many angry glances cast at the royal subject. Finally a gentleman arose from the opposite end of the car, and approaching the Englishman with about 220 pounds of avoirdupois, leaned over him and, grasping the window, slammed it down with nearly enough force to break the glass, then he remarked in a positive voice: "Now, my friend, if you think all Americans have the consumption, you just raise that window again; I am an American." The little woman blushed, the passengers smiled, the American returned to his seat and the Britisher looked out of the window and thought and thought.

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Buy Musical Instruments, Pianos, Organs, etc., on the best of terms—cash—long or short time—at McGuire & Moorehouse's.  
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The Morton county seat contest has been decided for the present in favor of Richfield.

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I will make a special reduction on Violins for the next 30 days. Just think! a \$25 Violin for only \$12.50, with case and bow complete. Call and examine them at L. S. Flint's.  
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It has been definitely decided that the rates to the Kansas State Fair to be held at Topeka in September, will be reduced to one cent per mile.

**BEGGS' CHERRY COUGH SYRUP.**

Will relieve that cough almost instantly and make expectoration easy. Acts simultaneously on the bowels, kidneys and liver, thereby relieving the lungs of that soreness and pain and also stopping that tickling sensation in the throat by removing the cause. One trial of it will convince any one that it has no equal for coughs and colds. Dr. S. J. Shaw has secured the sale of it and will guarantee every bottle to give satisfaction.

The money market is loosening up in the east, and business everywhere throughout the country is in elegant shape. So is everything in Kansas.

**Money to Loan.**  
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Good terms.  
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The Olmitz Lime Works are now ready to fill all orders for lime at lowest prices, also dealers in building rock. Dimension rock a specialty. Free on board cars. Address,  
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**BLACK WOLF!**

Or Black Leprosy, is a disease which is considered incurable, but it has yielded to the curative properties of Swiss's Specific—now known all over the world as S. S. S. Mrs. Bailey, of West Somerville, Mass., near Boston, was attacked several years ago with this hideous black eruption, and was treated by the best medical talent, who could only say that the disease was a species of

and consequently incurable. It is impossible to describe her sufferings. Her body from the crown of her head to the soles of her feet was a mass of decay, masses of flesh rotting off and leaving great cavities. Her fingers festered and three or four nails dropped off at one time. Her limbs contracted by the fearful ulceration, and in several years she did not leave her bed. Her weight was reduced from 125 to 60 lbs. Perhaps some faint idea of her condition can be gleaned from the fact that three pounds of Compound ointment were used per week in dressing her sores. Finally the physicians acknowledged their defeat by this Black Wolf, and commended the sufferer to her all-wise Creator.

Her husband bearing wonderful reports of the use of Swiss's Specific (S. S. S.), prevailed on her to try it as a last resort. She began its use under protest, but soon found that her system was being relieved of the poison, as the sores assumed a red and healthy color, as though the blood was becoming pure and active. Mrs. Bailey continued the S. S. S. still last February, every sore was healed; she discarded chair and crutches, and was for the first time in twelve years a well woman. Her husband, Mr. A. Bailey, is in business at 177 Blackstone Street, Boston, and will take pleasure in giving the details of this wonderful cure. Send us for Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases, mailed free.

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